

TERRITORIAL TOPICS

LAS VEGAS.

From the Optic.

The city dog catchers have been doing business today with the yelping curs about town.

Edmund La Rue, who sells Optics for the benefit of the public that needs enlightening, was run down by someone on a bicycle and received a bad smash over the eye.

It was understood this morning that the county assessor's office would be turned over to Frank S. Chavez later in the day by J. S. Esquivel, under the decision of the territorial supreme court, an appeal case in which the motion for a rehearing was overruled.

Jefferson Reynolds postal cards W. H. Weaver and perhaps other Las Vegas friends that he and wife are pleasantly located for the present in Florence, Italy, and wish to be remembered kindly to their community of friends at home.

The Baptist congregation have extended a call to Rev. H. H. Treat of Rochester, N. Y., who has been in the city a number of weeks, accompanied by his wife and mother, and has been acting most acceptably as supply at the Baptist church.

Judge L. Bradford Prince of Santa Fe passed through for the east this morning to join Mrs. Prince who had preceded him. He will be in St. Louis on the last day of the fair to endeavor to procure some of the cases and fixtures of the New Mexico exhibit for the historical society.

It is reported and pretty well substantiated that the son of Rafael Martinez was shot the other day by an east side lad who was carelessly handling a target rifle. The shot took effect in the Martinez boy's foot or leg and it is said he is painfully wounded. The matter may be investigated.

SILVER CITY.

From the Independent.

County Commissioner J. C. Cureton returned Friday from a visit to the Louisiana Purchase exposition at St. Louis.

Miss Ola Chenoweth, who has been teaching during the fall in Arizona, spent a few days of last week in town with her relatives.

Miss Blanche Casey, who holds the position as teacher in the Lordsburg public schools, spent Thanksgiving here with her family and friends.

Freight cars to an exceedingly large number have lately arrived in Silver City with the result that the employees of the Santa Fe and the haulers of freight are now busier than has been the case for several months.

Sheriff James R. Blair left Sunday evening for Lordsburg where he made a sale yesterday of the property of the American Consolidated Copper company, under judgment obtained by the Eagle Drug Mercantile company.

G. W. M. Carvill returned Friday from a trip to Tucson and Globe, Ariz. While in the former city he attended the grand lodge session of the Ancient Order of the United Workmen, and was honored by the election as grand overseer.

Prof. W. W. Robertson, formerly principal of the Denning public schools and well known in Grant county, arrived on yesterday's train from his home in Oklahoma and is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Sam. W. Agee, in this city.

Jack Agee and young son, Frederick returned on Wednesday's train from Chicago, where they have been consulting a specialist in regard to the son's health. Mr. Agee reports his son as much improved and that he is informed by the Chicago specialist that a complete recovery will soon be effected.

SANTA FE.

From the New Mexican.

J. E. Keach of Washington, D. C., is in the city and is registered at the Claire. He is connected with the field work of the bureau of forestry.

Territorial Secretary and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds returned last night from an eastern visit. They attended the St. Louis exposition and also visited Mrs. Reynolds' parents at Omaha.

W. S. Hopewell, general manager of the New Mexico Fuel & Iron company and Mrs. Hopewell, arrived from the east yesterday. During their trip they visited St. Louis, Pittsburg and Chicago.

Major C. H. Vodge, in charge of this recruiting district, went to Albuquerque last evening to wear one man into the United States service. Orders have been received from Washington to discontinue recruiting in New Mexico and the offices at Santa Fe, Albuquerque and El Paso will be closed within thirty days.

Rumors of a shooting affray early this afternoon caused considerable excitement on the streets. Augustin Duran, a young man, was shooting birds beyond the old Denver & Rio Grande depot and Apollonio Labato, who was somewhere in the vicinity received a shot through his coat. Someone sent in a hurry call for the police, who investigated and found the facts as above stated.

Attorney H. L. Ortiz yesterday received a telegram from District Attorney F. W. Chaney requesting him to send Mary Ortiz, a sixteen year old girl to Sandoval, to testify before the grand jury now in session at that place in the case of the Territory vs. Springer. The defendant is the father of the girl and he is charged with abduction. Last evening M. E. Ortiz, father of the girl took her to Sandoval.

Genaro Flores, a 16-year-old boy, was before Justice Garcia charged with assault, and put under police bonds for six months in the sum of \$300.

Attorney Robert C. Gortner returned from a visit to his old home at

Gothen, Indiana. He spent several hours with his brother, William, in Las Vegas, yesterday, on route home. It is understood that the resignation of Francisco Delgado as city clerk, which has been tendered, will be accepted at Monday's meeting of the city council. There are several applicants for appointment to the vacancy. Among them Clarence Pierce, Eugenio Bena and A. M. Dettelbach. G. D. Crittenden, superintendent of the national cemetery, had a narrow escape from serious injury by being thrown from a vehicle on the west side of the Plaza, his animal becoming frightened at the mistreated land. He was bruised about the shoulders and legs, and was removed to his home. It is not thought that there will be any serious results.

Deputy United States Marshal George A. Kaseman, of Albuquerque, arrived in the city to take charge of Maurias Jurrens, who was to have been released from the penitentiary today, after serving two years for adultery. He is wanted in Denver on a charge of using the mails to defraud and will be taken there as soon as the necessary papers are secured. Until then he will remain in the penitentiary.

FARMINGTON.

From the Hustler.

The roads up the San Juan river are in a most deplorable condition and many complaints have been made in regard to the same in the last two weeks. Something should be done to relieve the situation.

Jose Armijo of Largo is the first man that ever brought a load of wheat to the Farmington mill; this was a little over a year ago. Mr. Armijo arrived Tuesday with another load, and is high in his praise of Farmington flour.

William E. Fischer, who has been visiting friends in Farmington for the past two months, left for Fort Wingate, where he will embark in the general merchandise and Indian trading business.

The John C. Hubbard Real Estate Agency last week sold the J. A. Brothers ranch east of town to Wayne Walling, for \$6,500; also the Bond ranch across the river, thirty-six acres, to C. B. Thompson for \$1,750. Both Mr. Walling and Mr. Thompson are new arrivals and know a good thing when they see it.

Andy Flough met with a painful accident by having a load of hay turn over with him while coming down the grade opposite the Animas river bridge. He jumped from the load, seeing no other alternative, and the result is a badly sprained ankle which will confine him to his home for a few days.

GALLUP.

From the Republican.

J. R. Lilly, railroad hostler at Gallup, has been assigned to other duties at Albuquerque.

Gregory Page has a gang of men employed at the ice plant, where many improvements are being made.

The tramp nuisance is growing. Sunday morning the town was full of them and Marshal Winders drove them all out.

Sheriff Smith was called to Prescott, Sunday morning to appear as a witness in a burglary case now on in the courts there.

The Santa Fe has a gang of men at work erecting a sixty-foot steel tank to be used for the company's water supply here.

Patrick Lavin, for many years a resident of Gallup, was found dead on the floor of the Arcade saloon Sunday morning about 5:30 o'clock.

About eighty car loads of coal are now leaving Gallup every day. Every mine in this vicinity is employing all the miners they can get.

James Lilly, mention of whose death was made last week, was found dead in his bed at the John Stollak saloon last Friday morning.

L. M. Bydler comes from Albuquerque tomorrow night to run the switch engine. He takes Mr. Dorkholt's place, who has been assigned to other duties.

J. H. Young is very busy now strapping wires getting ready to install the automatic phones as soon as they come. They are expected here within a few days.

The district schools throughout McKinley county were closed yesterday on account of the death of Colonel J. Francisco Chavez, late superintendent of public instruction of the territory of New Mexico.

To Look Into Reserves.

R. E. Benedict, government inspector of forest reserves, arrived in Silver City yesterday and is registered at the Palace. It is understood his visit here is for the purpose of investigating the advisability of the creation of a reserve in the Burro mountains and the elimination of a portion of the Gila forest reserve. Silver City Independent.

OIL BOOMERS ARE PLACED ON TRIAL.

Henry A. Bradford, Abraham J. Frank and Jesse B. Bradford of St. Louis were placed on trial in the United States district court yesterday on indictments charging the use of the mails to defraud by selling oil stock alleged to be worthless. The case will be given to the jury this morning. Ten witnesses were heard for the prosecution, three of whom testified to buying stock in the concern promoted by the Bradford brothers and Frank, with an office in St. Louis.

Three years ago the Bradfords and Frank joined the ranks of oil promoters, organizing the Western Union oil company. It was advertised as having a capital stock of \$1,000,000, and claimed to own "gushers" at Algodones, N. M., and oil lands at Wellsville, Mo., on which wells were being

drilled with promising expectations. The stock was sold for 25 cents a share. John Kirschdorfer, Fred J. Gildhouse and Louis Du Costa, all of St. Louis, testified to buying some of the stock. The company sold stock until about a year ago. The defendants claim that the sales of stock reached only \$2,325, which was invested in improvements.

Senator Elkins' Brother a Witness.

Sam H. Elkins, postmaster at Columbia, Mo., and brother of Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia, with A. P. Davis and R. H. Mansfield of Wellsville, Mo., were among the government's witnesses, testifying that the company had no property at Wellsville, as represented. Judge D. P. Adams and James D. May of Albuquerque, N. M., gave similar testimony in regard to the alleged oil wells the company was said to have in that state.

The Bradfords' defense is that the company was a legitimate enterprise and had as good a chance of paying dividends as numerous others which sprang up in the wake of the Beantown boom.

The above is from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and confirms the special dispatch to the Citizen from Santa Fe, which was published Tuesday afternoon. A. J. Frank, who is one of the principal promoters of the "gusher" oil company of Algodones is well known in this city.

Real Estate Transfers.

Otto Dieckman, trustee, to Frank McKee and wife, lots 172, 173, 174 and 175, block 14, Perfecto Armijo addition; consideration, \$1.

R. H. Greenleaf and wife to John M. Moore Realty company, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 10, original townsite; consideration, \$1,250.

Frank McKee and wife to Katharine S. Farwell, lots 174 and 175, block 14, Armijo Bros. addition; consideration, \$1.

Otto Dieckman, trustee, to Frank McKee and wife, lots 174, 175, 176 and 177, block 14, Perfecto Armijo addition; consideration, \$1.

Manuel Cedillo y Luisa a de Cedillo to Felix Gallaga, a piece of land in Barajas; consideration, \$140.

R. N. Wilson and wife to Mrs. Bella Lee, lot 4, block 31, Hanna's Highland addition; consideration, \$1.

Angelo Vivian to Julia Catalan, a piece of land on west side of North Third street; consideration, \$1.

Maurice Vaughan and wife to O. N. Marren, lots 70 and 71, block 7, Amigo addition; consideration, \$1.

Alfred L. Chandler to Alice E. Chandler, lot 22, block 23, original townsite; consideration, \$1.

Heleen J. Hawley to Maria Schack, parts of lots 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, block 31, original townsite; consideration, \$1.

Concepcion de Martinez et al. to Salvador Rodante, a piece of land in precinct 4; consideration, \$55.

Kicked by a Horse.

The ten-year-old son of Hiljo Herrera, while on his way home from school at noon, was kicked in the head by a horse and sustained a dangerous fracture of the skull, says the Las Vegas Optic. The little fellow was blown off his feet and captured it. The blow against a horse that was loose in the road. The boy followed and when stooping to pick up the hat, the horse kicked, outstretching the neck and taken to the ladies' home, where, as later told Dr. Black, assisted by Dr. Tipton and Dr. Smith, performed an operation, removing several pieces of bone.

The case is critical, but the little fellow came out from under the influence of the anesthetic and is believed to have a very fair chance of recovery.

Marques Arrested.

Pedro Marques, the Apache Indian, who has been amusing himself by taking shots at those whom he did not particularly fancy, reached an end of his career as a bad man Friday evening, when he was taken into custody by Sheriff Blair and Henry Rosecrans. The officers had been on the lookout for Marques for a week past, but so well did he conceal himself in the mountains that he could not be located. Friday evening, however, he became so hungry that he returned to his home to get something to eat, and as this place was being carefully watched, he was arrested. Marques made no resistance and is now in jail awaiting a preliminary examination. Silver City Independent.

Earning His Salary.

Traveling Auditor Charles V. Sanford left evening for Las Cruces to check over and examine the financial records of the treasurer and ex-officio collector, of the sheriff and of the probate clerk of Dona Ana county. From there he will go to Alamogordo, the county seat of Otero county, to perform similar duties. He will visit Lincoln, the county seat of Lincoln county, and Santa Rosa, the county seat of Leonard Wood county on like duty before returning to the capital. He will be kept very busy the present month and does not expect to return to Santa Fe until Christmas. New Mexican.

Diphtheria at Santa Fe.

Two cases of contagious disease were reported to the city authorities this morning. Dr. Sloan reported a case of diphtheria at the home of P. E. Dunlavy and Dr. J. M. Diaz reported a case of contagion at the home of Marcelino Garcia y Segura. Both homes have been placarded by City Marshal Gorman. New Mexican.

Minnesota Butter Makers.

Minnesota, Minn., Dec. 1.—There was a large and representative attendance today at the opening of the annual convention of the Butter and Cheese-makers' Association of Minnesota at the state agricultural college at St. Anthony's Park. The program covers two days and provides for a number of interesting addresses and practical demonstrations. Prominent among the experts who will address the convention are J. G. Moore of Wisconsin and P. H. Kieffer of Iowa.

RAILROAD NOTES

(From Wednesday's Daily Citizen.)

H. S. Van Dyck, live stock agent for the Santa Fe, was in Santa Fe yesterday conferring with Santa Fe Central officials.

Engineer and Mrs. Jack Penner, of 320 South Ann street, are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. William Runyan of Mount Pleasant, Cal.

President Hillwell and party of "great officials," with forty eastern capitalists, passed through Fort Worth in a special train en route to the city of Mexico. The party will attend the inaugural of President Diaz.

A locomotive on a Santa Fe way freight east bound blew up at Pontoque, N. M., Friday evening, killing Fireman Marvyn Braunman, of Poreyette and seriously injuring Engineer Milton. The explosion set fire to the depot, but the flames were extinguished before any great damage was done.

Conductor Lowmyer of the first district of the New Mexico division, is doing duty on Conductor A. P. Gatchel's run on the third district. Mr. Gatchel is visiting at his old home in Ohio. Conductor R. Davidson, of the Albuquerque-Las Vegas freight run, is punching tickets on the first district in Mr. Lowmyer's place.

About thirty-five men are working steadily on the foundations of the new union depot at El Paso. Chief Engineer Patton says that 80 per cent of the foundations are in and that if the weather does not delay the work that the foundations will be in before the end of February and work on the walls commenced.

Bert Downey Promoted.

Bert Downey's many friends here have heard with satisfaction of a promotion that has recently come his way. He has been appointed chief clerk to Trainmaster J. E. McMahon at Las Vegas, New Mexico. Bert has been in the service of the Santa Fe for seven years and during that time has been promoted five times, which goes to show that his work is done as it should be and that his services are appreciated by those over him. Newton Kansan.

THE LOSS OF AN EYE.

A. E. Garret has brought suit against the Southwestern railroad for \$20,000 for the loss of an eye in the shops at Douglas in October. He was a boilermaker's helper, and while a rivet was being cut from a boiler a rivet flew and hit him in the eye. The petition filed in Judge Goggin's court alleges that the steel was defective, and that the company should pay damages for the loss of the eye. St. Paul Herald.

E. P. N. E. PAYS JUDGMENTS.

One Award of \$11,000 Goes to Lewis Ryan and Another of \$4,500 to S. S. McGomas.

Several days ago the El Paso & Northwestern railway company paid two judgments which had been awarded against them in El Paso courts. One was for \$11,000 in favor of Lewis Ryan, a brakeman who formerly worked here and was employed on the A. & S. M. railway at one time and later went to work on the main line where he received his injuries. It will be remembered that Ryan fell from a water tank car about Dog Canyon and was dragged several miles under the brake beam to which he hung with desperate tenacity. He received severe injuries and was practically paralyzed. He sued the company for a large amount and was awarded \$11,000.

The other judgment paid was in favor of S. S. McGomas for \$4,500 for injuries received while in the employ of the company. He was riding on a combination train between here and El Paso several years ago when it is supposed the wind blew a board from a car of lumber which struck Mr. McGomas, inflicting injuries for which he was awarded damages. This last case was on trial twice and the plaintiff was given judgment both times, in the first instance for \$5,000. Alamogordo Advertiser.

(From Thursday's Daily Citizen.)

Senior editor of the Colorado & Southern, had resigned that office is now denied by the other officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lowman of San Marcial, were passengers through the city this morning en route to Kansas. Mr. Lowman is an employee of the Santa Fe at San Marcial.

Mrs. Daniel G. Reid, wife of one of the leading officials of the Rock Island Railroad company, died at Richmond, Tenn., on the Hudson, near Irvington, N. Y., after an operation performed a week ago.

The El Dorado, Kan., Republican says: "A draft for \$5,000 was received from the Topolobampo Railroad company today in pay for the right of way from El Dorado to the southeast corner of the county, as approved by the right of way commissioners. This means, of course, that the road is a dead sure go. Bully."

An official circular issued by the Santa Fe Central railway says that J. W. Records, master mechanic of the road, has resigned and that to succeed him, George H. Shone has been appointed superintendent of motive power and rolling stock, with headquarters at Matanzas, the appointment to go into effect tomorrow. Mr. Shone comes from Alamosa, Colo., where he was connected in a similar capacity with the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. New Mexican.

GREATEST RAILWAY EXHIBIT.

To Assemble for Railway Congress at Washington, D. C. Next May.

The greatest exhibition of American railway appliances and equipment that has ever been made is to be prepared for the delegates to the International Railway congress, which convenes at Washington next May.

The railway exhibition will be an open air affair, held on the White House lot or government reserve, between the White House and the Washington monument.

Committees have been appointed by the American Railway association to gather and arrange the exhibits, and the general managers of all the big systems have pledged themselves to do their best to make the display a complete one.

Manufacturers of railway appliances are to be asked to exhibit, and it is the purpose to show the foreign delegates the exact progress that has been made in railroading in the United States during the last fifty years and give them candid demonstrations of the methods, appliances and equipment used on the American roads.

It is also being arranged to take the delegates on two trips, a long one and a short one. Special trains will be run from Washington to Buffalo and Niagara stopping en route at Albion and Pittsburg.

Other trains will make the same trip, but will extend it to Chicago, and possibly other cities, returning by way of New York or Boston.

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"To hold control of a corporation in these latter days you have to own it." The remark was made by a railroad owner in commenting on the Lawson advertisement regarding Pacific Mail. It synthesizes the situation exactly. Going back to 1900, the four years in control furnish demonstration of its truth. Some of them may be listed as follows:

The purchase of Baltimore & Ohio by Pennsylvania.

The purchase of Rock Island railway by the Moore syndicate.

The purchase of Northern Pacific by the Harriman syndicate.

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Pennsylvania is only secure in its ownership of a minority interest in Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, because the Pennsylvania people know that under no stress of circumstances could a majority be gathered together against them.

Mr. Harriman is safe in his tenure of Southern Pacific only for the same reason. A year and a half ago J. R. Keene tested the truth of this statement to a demonstration.

There is a rather obvious conclusion to be drawn. It is that no railroad, however great in capital, that occupies a strategic position, can long remain independent. The various railroad powers that surround it grow anxious about it. E. H. Harriman, for instance, fears that Missouri Pacific, Rock Island, J. J. Hill, or perhaps some unheard syndicate, such, for instance, as the Kuhn, Loeb syndicate that appeared in 1907 to claim Union Pacific, may buy it over night. He is suspicious that he may read in the papers some morning that Southern Pacific may buy it over night. He is in the same position as to the Erie and Southern railways must rest upon a rather unstable basis.

These are but examples. The reverse of this proposition is also fairly true, namely, that he who holds 51 per cent of the voting stock of a corporation may call himself secure, once he is in possession. Cumulative voting and classified boards may keep him out otherwise. The single exception is the case of E. H. Harriman, who encountered in Northern Pacific the fact that some of the stock he bought was not perpetual.

LETTER MADE SLOW TIME.

Seven Years on the Road Between Iowa and Missouri.

Thomas Fields, a White Cloud, Kansas, man, has received a letter which was mailed to him nearly seven years ago and which was doubtless in the mails all that time. Early in 1894 Mr. Fields was engaged in the nursery business in Fortunes, Mo. April 4, 1898, a letter was written to him and mailed at Bartlett, Ia., by Henry Morgan, who wished to purchase some young trees. The envelope was rather frayed at the edges when it finally reached Mr. Fields and the letter bore evidence of having been water soaked, but neither the Fortunes postmaster or the railway mail clerk can explain where it has been for the last seven years. It was forwarded from Fortunes to White Cloud as soon as received.

BIG TUNNEL PROPOSED.

Southern Pacific Would Spend Three Millions to Save Grades.

The Southern Pacific engineers have been surveying and considering the tunneling of the Sierra Nevada range in order to avoid a 7,200-foot climb of the mountains.

The engineers have reported that the scheme is feasible, and that a tunnel seven miles in length could be built through the mountains in two or three years, at a cost of \$3,000,000. This tunnel would obviate the crossing of the mountains with its forty miles of heavy grades, snow sheds, and expensive operating costs. The climb over the Sierra Nevada mountains requires extra push engines and the maintenance of fire guards. The building of a tunnel should prove more beneficial in the results than the Laria cut-off.

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